



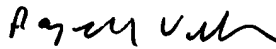
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

The Examiner's Amendment issued December 16, 2003 correctly states in paragraph 3 that Claims 1-24 and 48-53 are allowed. Paragraph 2, however, incorrectly states that Claims 25-48 have been canceled. Only Claims 25-47 have been canceled; Claim 48 is pending and allowed. Correction is accordingly requested.

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